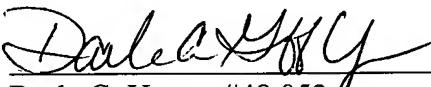


REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 11-14, 16, and 18-47 were allowed. Without prejudice to the Applicants' rights to present claims of equal scope in a timely filed continuing application, to expedite prosecution and issuance of the application, the Applicants have amended claims 14, 16 and 18 to correct minor typographical and/or clerical errors and for clarity. Claims 27-30 and 37-39 have been cancelled. In addition, an Information Disclosure Statement is being filed along with this Amendment and Remarks document. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments to the claims and allow all amended claims. In the event the Examiner believes a telephonic discussion would expedite allowance or help to resolve outstanding issues, prosecution of the application, then the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

This constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and an authorization to charge all fees therefore to deposit account No. 19-5117, if not otherwise specifically requested. The undersigned hereby authorizes the charge of any fees created by the filing of this document or any deficiency of fees submitted herewith to be charged to deposit account No. 19-5117.

Respectfully submitted,



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